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Dyddiad/Date: **22 April 2025**

Dear ,

ATISN 24572 - Request for Information.

Thank you for your request, which I received on 21 March 2025. You asked for:
'What discussions have taken place, either bilaterally or otherwise, between the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Huw Irranca Davies, and members of the UK Government where the changes to APR and BPR or inheritance tax was discussed?'

Response

The information you requested is enclosed at Annex A.

Next steps

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Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,



Tel: 0300 062 5004

Rural Payments Wales
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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Annex A

'What discussions have taken place, either bilaterally or otherwise, between the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Huw Irranca Davies, and members of the UK Government where the changes to APR and BPR or inheritance tax was discussed?'

- On 18 November, the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer wrote to the Chair of the Senedd Treasury Select Committee with a detailed outline of the UK Government's position on Agricultural Property Relief (APR) for Inheritance Tax (IHT).
- On 18 November, the changes were discussed at the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The Deputy First Minister set out the importance of ensuring the changes would not disrupt the delicate and well-balanced discussions on sustainable farming in Wales. He also asked that Defra meet with Welsh farming unions to consider their concerns and data.
- On 28 January, the Deputy First Minister wrote to Daniel Zeichner, the Minister of State for Food Security and Rural Affairs, regarding inheritance tax changes. In the letter, he requested further assurances that Welsh farming unions had been engaged and their concerns fully considered in this issue and others.
- As a follow on from these efforts, Defra and HM Treasury Ministers met with farming unions, including Welsh farming unions, on 18 February.
- The Deputy First Minister also raised APR at a meeting with the Secretary of State for Wales on 25 February.
- On the 3 March, the Deputy First Minister subsequently sent a further letter to the UK Government, stressing the importance of fully considering the ongoing concerns of the Welsh farming unions. The letter also sought reassurance that the changes to inheritance tax would not affect the future of sustainable farming in Wales